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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: SUMMARY REPORT FOR PERIOD JULY 10-16

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE EAST AT THE JULY 13 PLENARY
MEETING OF THE VIENNA FORCE REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS AND
AT THE POST-PLENARY PRESS BRIEFING EXPRESSED THE HOPE
THAT WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WOULD SOON REPLY POSITIVELY
TO THE JUNE 8 EASTERN PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

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2. AT THE JULY 13 PLENARY MEETING OF THE VIENNA
TALKS, HUNGARIAN REP FODOR DELIVERED THE ONLY
STATEMENT. IN HIS PRESENTATION, FODOR CRITICIZED
IN ROUTINE TERMS THE WESTERN APRIL 19 INITIATIVE
AND PRAISED THE JUNE 8 EASTERN PROPOSALS. WHILE
THE FORMER REPRESENTED A STEP FORWARD, HUNGARIAN
REP SAID THE WEST'S APRIL 19 MOVE COULD NOT BE

CONSIDERED TO OFFER THE BASIS FOR A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FORCE REDUCTION AGREEMENT. IN CONTRAST, THE EAST'S JUNE 8 PROPOSALS, WHOSE COMPROMISE CHARACTER HAD BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY WESTERN GOVERNMENT LEADERS, OFFERED THE POSSIBILITY FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH PREVIOUSLY AGREED PRINCIPLES. FODOR SAID IT WAS UP TO THE WEST WHETHER OR NOT THIS POSSIBILITY WOULD, IN FACT, BE UTILIZED AND, IN THIS REGARD, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE WEST WOULD SOON GIVE A POSITIVE REPLY TO THE JUNE 8 EASTERN PROPOSALS. IN THE COURSE OF HIS STATEMENT, HUNGARIAN REP TOOK A FIRM LINE IN DEFENSE OF THE EASTERN POSITION ON DATA.

3. ALL OF THE ABOVE POINTS, MINUS ANY REFERENCE TO THE DATA ISSUE, APPEARED IN THE PREPARED STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE EASTERN SPOKESMAN AT THE REGULAR POST-PLENARY PRESS BRIEFING. THE EASTERN SPOKESMAN REPEATED THE EASTERN HOPE THAT THE WEST WOULD SOON REPLY POSITIVELY TO THE NEW EASTERN PROPOSALS IN A FOLLOW-UP COMMENT ON AN ANSWER GIVEN BY THE WESTERN SPOKESMAN TO A CORRESPONDENT'S QUESTION ADDRESSED TO THE LATTER ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT ROUND NEXT WEEK.

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4. IN THE JULY 11 INFORMAL SESSION, WESTERN REPS SHOWED HOW THE WESTERN POSITION TOOK GEOGRAPHY INTO ACCOUNT AND GAVE THE REASONS WHY THE WEST OPPOSED REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS BY WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OTHER THAN THE US. EASTERN REPS CLAIMED THAT THE WEST HAD NOT DEMONSTRATED HOW THE WESTERN PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR GEOGRAPHY AND CHALLENGED WESTERN REPS TO EXPLAIN SPECIFICALLY HOW GEOGRAPHY SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE NEW PROVISIONS OF AN AGREEMENT. THE SESSION INCLUDED A FURTHER EAST-WEST EXCHANGE OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT MILITARY MANPOWER DATA AND ADDITIONAL WESTERN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EAST'S JUNE 8 PROPOSALS. IN RESPONDING TO THE LATTER, EASTERN REPS SAID THE ISSUE OF WHETHER COLLECTIVE OR NATIONAL LIMITATIONS WOULD BE APPLIED TO THE RESIDUAL LEVELS OF THE TYPES OF ARMAMENTS REDUCED BY WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN A SECOND STAGE WAS A TOPIC FOR SECOND STAGE NEGOTIATIONS. DEAN

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